

Amendment to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1- 16 (cancelled)

Claim 17 (currently amended): A method implemented by a programmed computer system for entertainment production financing comprising:

a) arranging a first contractual relationship between a first entertainment company and a financing entity, wherein at least a first entertainment production is associated with the first entertainment company and wherein the entertainment company provides a contractual interest to the financing entity in the first entertainment production;

b) identifying a first fixed cash payment and a first contingent amount;

c) calculating the first fixed cash payment;

d) calculating on a computer the first contingent amount;

e) settling the first fixed cash payment from the financing entity to the first entertainment company;

f) settling the first contingent amount from the first entertainment company to the financing entity;

g) arranging a second contractual relationship between a second entertainment company and the financing entity, wherein at least a second entertainment production is associated with the second entertainment company and wherein the entertainment company provides a contractual interest to the financing entity in the second entertainment production;

h) identifying a second fixed cash payment and a second contingent amount;

i) calculating the second fixed cash payment;

j) calculating on a computer the second contingent amount;

k) settling the second fixed cash payment from the financing entity to the second entertainment company;

l) settling the second contingent amount from the second entertainment company to the financing entity;

m) establishing an operating entity that is associated with the financing entity to securitize the contractual interest of the financing entity;

n) issuing a first registered fixed-price interest by the operating entity, wherein the first registered fixed-price interest is associated with the contractual interest in the first entertainment production;

o) issuing a second registered fixed-price interest by the operating entity, wherein the second registered fixed-price interest is associated with the contractual interest in the second entertainment production;

p) transmitting from at least a first computer for a display of an offer to purchase a first registered fixed-price interest to a holder;

q) receiving on at least the first computer the display of the offer to purchase the first registered fixed-price interest;

r) selecting on at least the first computer the offer to purchase the first registered fixed-price interest;

s) indicating on at least the first computer an acceptance of the offer to purchase the first registered fixed-price interest;

t) transmitting from at least a second computer for a display of an offer to purchase a second registered fixed-price interest to a holder;

u) receiving on at least the second computer the display of the offer to purchase the second registered fixed-price interest;

v) selecting on at least the second computer the offer to purchase the second registered fixed-price interest;

w) indicating on at least the second computer an acceptance of the offer to purchase the second registered fixed-price interest.

Claim 18 (currently amended) A method implemented by a programmed computer system for entertainment production financing comprising:

a) arranging a contractual relationship between at least two entertainment companies and a financing entity, wherein at least two entertainment productions are associated with each entertainment company; wherein each entertainment company provides a contractual interest to the financing entity in the at least two entertainment productions that are associated with each entertainment company; wherein the contractual interest is based at least in part on a performance of the corresponding entertainment productions; and wherein the financing entity securitizes at least a portion of the contractual interest;

b) identifying a fixed cash payment and a contingent amount;

c) calculating the fixed cash payment;

d) calculating on a computer the contingent amount based on a payout schedule of the at least two entertainment productions;

e) settling the fixed cash payment from the financing entity to the entertainment company;

f) settling the contingent amount from the entertainment company to the financing entity;

g) issuing a registered fixed-price interest by the operating entity, wherein the registered fixed-price interest is associated with the contractual interest in the entertainment production;

i) transmitting from a computer for a display of an offer to purchase a registered fixed-price interest to a holder;

j) receiving on [a] the computer the display of the offer to purchase the registered fixed-price interest;

k) selecting on [a] the computer the offer to purchase the registered fixed-price interest; and

l) indicating on [a] the computer an acceptance of the offer to purchase the registered fixed-price interest.

Claim 19 (previously presented) The method [payout schedule] of claim 18 wherein the payout schedule is determined by a reference to a relationship between a production cost of a motion picture and box office gross receipts generated by the motion picture.

Claim 20 (new) The method of claim 17 wherein the first contingent amount is based on a payout schedule of at least a portion of the first entertainment production and the second contingent amount is based on a payout schedule of at least a portion of the second entertainment production.